

**ABSTRACT**

**[000248]**        Methods and compositions for modulating apoptosis by acting on the c-Jun-N-terminal kinase (JNK) pathway and assays for the isolation of agents capable of modulating apoptosis, including modulators of the JNK pathway are disclosed. A member of the Gadd45 protein family that inhibits JNK signaling is a target. Methods and compositions are presented for the preparation and use of novel therapeutic compositions for modulating diseases and conditions associated with elevated or decreased apoptosis.